

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action mailed on February 7, 2008.

Claims 1-3, 8, 15-16, 19, and 21-22 are amended; as a result, claims 1-25 are now pending in this application.

Example support for the amendments may be found in a variety of locations throughout the original filed specification. By way of example only, the Examiner's attention is directed to the original filed specification paragraphs.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 1-25 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b) as being anticipated by Tseng et al. (U.S. 6,009,256). It is of course fundamental that in order to sustain an anticipation rejection that each and every limitation in the rejected claims must be taught or suggested in the exact detail and identical arrangement within the cited reference.

Here, Tseng fails to teach or suggest the amended limitation for integrating an existing simulator and its interfaces along with an existing emulator and its interfaces. That is, the Tseng reference specifically provides for a proprietary and integrated interface that provides novel simulation and emulation and various variations to these two. One cannot use existing simulators and emulators with the Tseng approach. The simulator and emulators are intimately tied to a kernel process that provides the features of Tseng. Applicant does not require such a monolithic and proprietary approach; rather a user's existing simulator and existing emulator can be integrated with the debugging interface and provided the ability to switch during one debug session between the two (simulator and emulator). This cannot be done with Tseng.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections of record be withdrawn and the claims allowed.

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

In the interest of clarity and brevity, Applicant may not have addressed every assertion made in the Office Action. Applicant's silence regarding any such assertion does not constitute any admission or acquiescence. Applicant reserves all rights not exercised in connection with this response, such as the right to challenge or rebut any tacit or explicit characterization of any reference or of any of the present claims, the right to challenge or rebut any asserted factual or legal basis of any of the rejections, the right to swear behind any cited reference such as provided under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 or otherwise, or the right to assert co-ownership of any cited reference. Applicant does not admit that any of the cited references or any other references of record are relevant to the present claims, or that they constitute prior art. To the extent that any rejection or assertion is based upon the Examiner's personal knowledge, rather than any objective evidence of record as manifested by a cited prior art reference, Applicant timely objects to such reliance on Official Notice, and reserves all rights to request that the Examiner provide a reference or affidavit in support of such assertion, as required by MPEP § 2144.03. Applicant reserves all rights to pursue any cancelled claims in a subsequent patent application claiming the benefit of priority of the present patent application, and to request rejoinder of any withdrawn claim, as required by MPEP § 821.04.

CONCLUSION

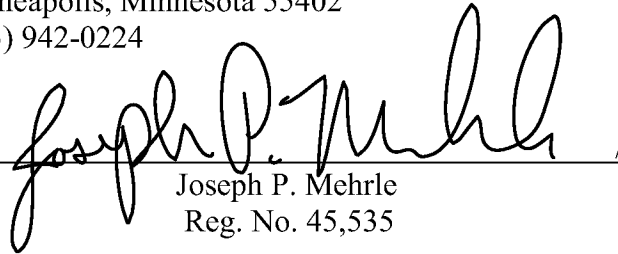
Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney ((513) 942-0224) to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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